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Reply to Office Action of June 1, 2006
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REMARKS

Applicant has submitted this Request for Continued Examination so that the Examiner may consider the alternate claim as now modified by this amendment. The Applicant has also hereby submitted a terminal disclaimer executed by an appropriate attorney of record for this application. Applicant is also submitting an Information Disclosure Statement which submits additional references for consideration by the Examiner. Applicant notes that the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement have been identified during the examination of co-pending application serial numbers 09/450,023 and 09/449,942.

Applicant calls the additional related co-pending applications to the attention of the Examiner. Applicant also respectfully submits that the prior art references of record fail to provide any teaching or suggestion whatsoever regarding the invention as now claimed. More specifically, Applicant notes that none of the cited references in this application or in any other related application teach or suggest a system wherein each buyer using the system designates a plurality of vendors for inclusion in a pool of vendors and stored electronic data identifies every vendor pool and its corresponding buyer based upon the buyer designation. Applicant further notes that the independent claim requires that this designation be performed prior to analysis of any job data relating to a job for which bids are sought by or on behalf of the buyer.

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In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all claims now stand in
condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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